

LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1970





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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

YEAR 1970

To the CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Health of the District for 1970. The report follows the same lines as previous reports.

The state of health of the district is satisfactory. The main vital statistics are as follows. Birth rate, adjusted by the comparability factor, 16.3 slightly higher than that for England and Wales (16.0);

Infant Mortality rate - (Deaths of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 births) 35, higher than that for England and Wales (18);

General Death Rate (adjusted) 9.1, lower than that for England and Wales, 11.7.

There were no maternal deaths and two stillbirths.

These statistics call for little comment and can be considered very satisfactory. The high infantile mortality rate is based on three deaths and is not significant. The main causes of death were heart disease (27) and disease of the blood vessels of the brain (17).

Sixty-five cases of measles occurred. In the previous year immunisation against measles was discontinued owing to some of the vaccine giving severe reactions. New supplies have since become available. It is hoped that all parents of susceptible children will avail themselves of this. It is recommended that all children should be immunised at the age of 14 months. This can be done by the General Practitioner, or at the Child Health Clinics.

The number of cases of Whooping Cough is also high (19). Unfortunately the immunisation against this disease, which is given along with that against Diphtheria and Tetanus is not as effective as the others, and cases do occur in immunised children. Three cases of Infective Jaundice occurred compared with sixteen in the previous year.

Five cases of Para Typhoid Fever were notified. The outbreak occurred in May on a dairy farm supplying bulk milk for pasteurisation in another area. The disease was first diagnosed on 18th May, in a cow which had aborted. The next day a worker on the farm was reported from hospital as having para typhoid fever. Seven persons living or working at the farm are believed to have been infected, two of them in February and April, as well as two family contacts of one of them.

/The organiser

The organism responsible was Salmonella Paratyphi B Type Taunton.

The milk of five of the cows in the dairy herd was found to be infected. A notice under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959 was served prohibiting the sale for human consumption of the milk from the five cows. The farmer also agreed to withhold the milk from the cows known to be infected, although the infection had not been detected in their milk. Four of the animals to which the order applied were subsequently found not to have been infected, and it is assumed that their milk was contaminated at milking. The bulked milk remained infected, presumably from the heavily contaminated Environment.

Eventually in view of the publicity which resulted from the infection of the herd, the dairy taking the milk for pasteurisation refused to accept it.

The Milk Marketing Board was unable to sell the milk elsewhere, and the farmer was obliged to dispose of the milk in a hole in the ground.

As a result of further laboratory investigations five cows were found to have been infected. Three of these cows were purchased by the County Council and slaughtered. The remaining two were bought by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food as experimental animals. The farmer public spiritedly refrained from selling any of the animals until advised by the Ministry that it would be safe to do so.

The financial responsibility for cleaning and disinfecting the farm was accepted by the County Council. The work was arranged and supervised by the Veterinary Officer of the Animal Health Division, Northallerton, acting as agent for the County Council.

Following the removal of the infective animals, the cleaning and disinfection of the premises, and a number of negative results of milk cultures, the dairy recommenced to send the milk for pasteurisation and sale. No cases of paratyphoid infection occurred in the area concerned.

All cases known to have occurred in the area have been examined repeatedly to ensure that they are free from infection.

I would like to record my thanks to Mr. Seeds, Public Health Inspector, for his great help during the outbreak, and also to Dr. George, the County Medical Officer and his staff, Dr. Wallace, Director of the Public Health Laboratory at Northallerton, Mr. Harborne, Veterinary Investigation Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Thirsk. Lastly, but by no means least, I must thank the farmer for his co-operation under very trying circumstances.

Dales Area Health Office,
Quaker Lane, Richmond.

Tel: Richmond 2122

November, 1971.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

H. R. Morrison

Medical Officer of Health

SECTION (A)

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

General Statistics

(a)	Area (in acres)	.. .. .	71,697
	Population (Registrar General's estimate of resident population - mid-year 1970)	.. .. .	6,180
	Population - 1931 Census	.. .. .	6,851
	Population - 1951 Census	.. .. .	6,423
	Population - 1961 Census	.. .. .	6,138
	Number of Inhabited houses 1951	.. .. .	1,871
	Number of Inhabited houses 1969	.. .. .	2,267
	Rateable value of district	.. .. .	£174,787
	Produce of 1d rate	.. .. .	664

(b)

Vital Statistics (as supplied by Registrar General)

	MALES			FEMALES		
	Total:	Legit:	Illegit:	Total:	Legit:	Illegit:
Live births	45	41	4	41	39	2
Still births	1	1	-	1	1	-
INFANT DEATHS						
Under 1 year	1	1	-	2	2	-
Under 4 weeks	1	1	-	1	1	-
Under 1 week	1	1	-	1	1	-

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH

Causes of Deaths	Males	Females	Total
Malignant Neoplasm Oesophagus	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	-	1	1
Other malignant neoplasm	1	1	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	16	6	22
Other forms of Heart Disease	3	2	5
Cerebrovascular Disease	6	11	17
Congenital Anomalies	-	1	1
Other diseases of Blood, etc.	1	-	1
Other Disease of Circulatory System	-	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	-	1	1
Influenza	-	1	1
Pneumonia	1	4	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1	1
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	-	1
Other diseases of Nervous System	-	1	1
Mental Disorders	-	1	1
All other accidents	1	-	1
All other External Causes	-	1	1
Total deaths - all causes	33	36	69

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 & 1951

It was not necessary to take action under Section 47 of the above Act, which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises, persons who are not able to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.

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SECTION (B)

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Details of the Staff are given at the beginning of the Report.

Laboratory Facilities

Laboratory Facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

Ambulance Facilities

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply Ambulance Services from their stations at Northallerton and Bainbridge.

Hospital Services

Local Hospital accommodation is provided by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board. In addition, a number of residents in the Leyburn Area receive both in-patient and out-patient treatment at Darlington and Harrogate Hospitals.

Nursing in the Homes

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery Service is under the general direction of the County Council, with day to day administration being dealt with by the Area Medical Officer. Four District Nurse/Midwives operate in the area.

Home Help Service

This is provided by the County Council. The day-to-day administration being dealt with by the Area Medical Officer.

SECTION (C)

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Diseases Notified	Males	Females	Total
Measles	43	23	66
Whooping Cough	11	8	19
Paratyphoid Fever	4	1	5
Infective Jaundice	-	3	3

SECTION (D)

Water Supplies

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Refuse Disposal

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) Details are to be found
) in the Public Health
) Inspector's section of
) this report.

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To the CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my fifth Annual Report in conjunction with that of the Medical Officer of Health.

The importance of Leyburn as a service and employment centre was recognised by its designation as a "secondary anchor point". The creation of employment would be of considerable social and economic advantage by reducing emigrational loss in the younger age groups. The Council introduced an Industrial Promotions and Relations Committee to assist in this problem and it was successful in encouraging two factories to Leyburn during 1970. Further negotiations regarding industrial sites should result in an area being designated within the Leyburn Town Plan.

Emission of dust from the quarries continued to be a nuisance but to a lesser degree. Efforts were made to increase the supply of water for dust suppression and the owners were at all times most co-operative. The worst nuisance occurred because of frost damage to water pipes.

During the year we had a more stable and satisfactory labour force in the refuse and sewerage departments. I am indeed grateful to the outside staff for their co-operation and willingness to assist at all times.

There was an increase from 21 to 35 in improvement grant applications.

Private housebuilding decreased from 52 units in 1969 to 22 units in 1970. The fall off was inevitable because of lack of demand after a previous record year in house building.

From May onwards and indeed into 1971 daily routine was overshadowed by the unique paratyphoid outbreak at Akebar Farm.

/This naturally.....

This naturally affected other work of the department and is reflected in this report's statistics.

The shadow of reorganisation still with us does little to stimulate interest and enthusiasm. However, our small but devoted staff have continued to do excellent work and I am sincerely appreciative of their efforts. They give a service which is typical of and expected in a rural area and I hope reorganisation does not destroy this service.

I am again especially grateful to Mr. A. W. Madin, Housing Manager, and Mr. P. Fraser, Building Inspector, for their unfailing support throughout the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

Robert Seeds

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector

Thornborough Hall,
Leyburn,
Yorkshire.

Tel: Leyburn 3148

November, 1971.

W A T E R S U P P L I E S

Water supplies for most parishes is supplied by the Northallerton and The Dales Water Board. A comprehensive report on "Future Capital Works" was included in the 1967 Annual Report.

179 samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Northallerton for bacteriological examination and of these 156 were completely free from contamination. The Water Board were immediately notified of unsatisfactory samples and they took the required action.

This authority receives copies of all water samples whether taken by the North Riding County Council or the Water Board themselves, in order that a comprehensive picture is always to hand.

For the Sowden Beck and Cranehow Bottom supplies that are liable to act on lead, copper pipes are always recommended and occasionally plastic and galvanised pipes are also laid.

Information regarding fluoride content is not available.

The Leyburn Quarries and an adjoining factory continued to complain about a seasonal shortage of water.

To meet the growing demand for water, a reservoir is planned at Thornton Steward which will serve the lower dale and thus leave more water available for the upper dale. Various trial boreholes are being sunk in the area.

The route of the new 10" main from Bellerby to Leyburn and thence to Wensley road was surveyed and agreed.

W A T E R

The number of dwellings for water laid on from public and parish mains and private undertakings, is as follows:-

P a r i s h	Number of dwellings of parish	Number of houses with mains water inside	Houses using outside stand pipes	Houses with private water laid on (mainly forms)
Agglethorpe-with-Coverham	27	-	-	27
Akebar	8	8	-	-
Arrathorne	17	17	-	-
Barden	15	13	1	1
Bellerby	109	106	-	3
Caldbergh-with-East Scafton	17	12	-	5
Carlton Highdale	54	25	-	29
Carlton Town	62	58	-	4
Castle Bolton	33	-	-	33
Constable Burton	50	45	-	5
East Witton-Out	25	-	-	25
East Witton-In	74	65	2	7
Finghall	40	38	-	2
Garriston	6	1	-	5
Harmby	121	117	1	3
Hauxwell East	20	18	-	2
Hauxwell West	6	6	-	-
Hornby	33	26	-	7
Hunton	139	129	-	10
Hutton Hang	6	6	-	-
Leyburn	577	573	-	4
Melmerby	24	-	-	24
Middleham	281	278	-	3
Newton-le-Willows	107	107	-	-
Patrick Brompton	44	44	-	-
Preston-under-Scar	69	67	2	-
Redmire	85	85	-	-
Spennithorne	53	33	-	20
Thornton Steward	62	62	-	-
Wensley	62	17	-	45
West Scafton	23	-	-	23
West Witton	132	100	-	32
TOTALS	2381	2058	6	317

HOUSING STATISTICS 1970

(1970 Housing Statistics)

The number of dwellings erected during the year by private enterprise was 22, bringing the total erected since the war to 285.

The Council completed 2 houses at Redmire.

The total number owned and built by the Council since 1945 is 329. Previous to 1945 the Council had erected 16 dwellings. Two private houses were converted to one Council house at Harmby, giving a total number of Council houses as 346 (see following table).

6 units at East Witton were commenced.

There were 28 private dwellings under construction at the end of 1970:-

Spennithorne	-	1
Redmire	-	1
Preston	-	1
Leyburn	-	15
Harmby	-	5
Patrick Brompton	-	3
Middleham	-	2

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An unusual re-infestation of Council house (Airey type dwellings) roof spaces and wall cavities by bats was dealt with in co-operation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Overcrowding

No records are available. The present estimated average household size is 3.0 persons which would suggest that there is no overcrowding in the rural district.

Housing Applications

The Housing List includes a demand for some 40 dwellings (12 houses and 28 bungalows/flats) but this total includes a demand of 12 (5 houses, 7 bungalows/flats) from outside the district.

Clearance and Industrial Unfit Houses

No areas are being dealt with under Slum Clearance. Individual unfit houses are dealt with as required, and informally if possible to encourage owners to accept grant aid for their improvement.

PRIVATE DWELLINGS CONSTRUCTED

AND PLANS DEPOSITED

Year	Dwellings	Plans Deposited
1959	9	63
1960	6	69
1961	7	53
1962	15	52
1963	17	54
1964	14	67
1965	14	80
1966	9	96
1967	17	119
1968	38	133
1969	52	137
1970	22	102

H O U S I N G

DETAILS OF HOUSES ERECTED BY THE LEYBURN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

P a r i s h	Flats	4 B.R.	3 B.R.	2 B.R.	Bungalows	Total
Arrathorne	-	1	3	-	-	4
Bellerby	-	-	12	-	-	12
Constable Burton	-	-	10	-	-	10
East Witton	-	-	-	-	-	4
Finghall	-	-	12	-	-	12
Harmby	-	-	7	-	-	7
Hunton	-	-	10	-	9	19
Leyburn (Maythorne)	-	-	66	-	-	66
(Woodside)	8	2	15	3	31	59
(The Nurseries)	-	-	4	-	8	12
(Thornborough Hall)	-	-	2	-	-	2
Middleham	-	2	46	16	14	78
Newton-le-Willows	-	-	2	4	4	10
Patrick Brompton	-	-	2	-	-	2
Preston-under-Scar	-	1	2	-	-	3
Redmire	-	-	8	-	4	12
Spennithorne	-	-	14	-	2	16
Thornton Steward	-	-	4	-	-	4
Wensley	-	-	4	-	-	4
West Witton	-	1	7	-	2	10
TOTALS	8	7	234	23	74	346

H O U S I N G

Number of housing inspections made during the year	268
Number of houses visited during the year	72
Number of houses in which defects were made good:-	
(a) After Informal Notice ..	18
(b) After Formal Notice ..	NIL
Number of houses which were found to be unfit, but capable of repair	29
Number of houses which were unfit for human habitation	NIL
Houses closed	NIL
Houses demolished	NIL
Closing orders revoked	1

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT 1958 HOUSE PURCHASES & HOUSING ACT 1959 (as amended 1961, 1964 & 1969)

30 applications by house owners to improve their dwellings with the aid of a grant were approved by the Council, 5 applications were not approved.

22 Standard Grants were paid upon completion of the approved works at an average payment of 132.

7 Improvement Grants were also paid, average payment £622.

6 properties were connected to the sewers and 2 to septic tank drainage.

The following is a list of improvement grants completed in the last 12 years:-

1959	-	25
1960	-	21
1961	-	40
1962	-	23
1963	-	20
1964	-	53
1965	-	57
1966	-	23
1967	-	35
1968	-	25
1969	-	22
1970	-	29
Total		<u>373</u>

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

Number of licensed sites	6
Total caravans allowed on licensed sites	320
Total number of above occupied during winter months	NIL
Number of inspections	75
Number of 1 unit licensed sites	4

There are now two Caravan Club certificated Sites for 5 caravans at Swineside and Harmby. These enjoy certain exemptions provided that certain undertakings are complied with.

A new site (taking 50 caravans) was opened at Akebar.

The Yorkshire Dales Caravan Park provided a new toilet block and the licence was increased from 30 to 60. Negotiations for a new access to the County highway are proceeding.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEME

23 of the 32 Parishes are sewered

Details of village sewerage arrangements are set out hereunder:-

P a r i s h	Dwellings and other buildings served	Outlying properties not served
Arrathorne	14	3
Bellerby	101	6
Carlton Town	55	8
Carlton Highdale	22	21
Castle Bolton	24	9
Constable Burton	39	12
Finghall	32	7
Harmby	107	8
Hauxwell	20	6
Hornby	26	9
Hunton	124	20
Leyburn	547	17
Melmerby	20	2
Middleham	258	6
Newton-le-Willows	94	8
Patrick Brompton	41	4
Preston-under-Scar	66	4
Redmire	81	3
Spennithorne	50	2
Thornton Steward	47	13
Wensley	50	12
East Witton Town	59	17
West Witton	121	14
TOTALS:	1998	211

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEMES

All the villages are sewered and there only remains the scattered parishes that cannot be sewered economically. Septic tanks are the only answer in these cases and most farms already have these. Two new septic tanks were constructed during the year.

Constable Burton village has only septic tank treatment. An amended scheme for sewerage and disposal works has been approved and a contract signed and work should start on the 25th January 1971.

Leyburn works are overloaded and if housing development is to continue a new disposal works is necessary. Credit is due to the outside staff in repairing and maintaining this overloaded, outdated works so that, to everybody's surprise, it produces a satisfactory effluent.

At some future date a filter and humus tank should be constructed at East Witton.

At Middleham the disposal works are overloaded and there is considerable infiltration. If housing development is to be encouraged here, it will be necessary to reconstruct the works.

At an enquiry held on the 26th August 1970 regarding new disposal works for Leyburn, the Inspector suggested that a combined scheme for Leyburn, Middleham, East Witton, and Harmby and Spennithorne should be investigated and this is being done.

A new Land Rover was purchased for the Sewerage team and a new trailer tank will be required in the near future.

Adverse comment has been made on the maintenance of the Council's 17 disposal works. I have tried to improve on this but other essential work has made it impossible with the limited labour available. New arms were fitted to the rotary filter at Newton-le-Willows by our own men but outside contractors had to be engaged at Leyburn to dispose of the sludge.

The Council agreed to the demolition of Castle Bolton old disposal works and the reinstatement of the land and this will be done by an outside contractor early 1971.

The ideal situation would be to have a second sewerage team but the Council is perhaps too near amalgamation to consider this suggestion.

Infiltration at Leyburn and Middleham continued to be investigated. One serious cross connection between foul

and surface water at Grove Square, Leyburn, was remedied.

The Rivers Board continued to sample effluent from all the works and when adverse samples were received remedial measures were carried out. A trailer mounted pump was purchased for use at works where access is difficult.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION AND DRAINAGE

Number of houses with water carriage system 2248

Number of houses without water carriage system .. 49

Number of conversions to water carriage system
during year 8

102 plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the table below:-

Parish	New Buildings	Alterations to Dwellings	Garages and Sheds	Cow Sheds and Dairies	Other Buildings	Total
Agglethorpe	-	-	-	1	-	1
Bellerby	2	3	2	-	-	7
Coverham	-	-	-	-	1	1
Castle Bolton	-	-	-	-	1	1
Constable Burton	-	-	1	3	-	4
Carlton Highdale	-	1	-	1	-	2
Carlton Town	-	3	2	1	-	6
East Witton	-	1	-	1	-	2
Finghall	-	-	-	-	1	1
Harmby	1	2	3	2	1	9
Hauxwell	-	1	-	-	-	1
Hunton	1	5	-	-	1	7
Leyburn	12	3	3	-	2	20
Melmerby	-	-	-	2	-	2
Middleham	1	3	1	-	2	7
Newton-le-Willows	1	1	1	-	-	3
Patrick Brompton	1	1	1	1	-	4
Preston	1	1	1	3	-	6
Redmire	1	3	-	-	-	4
Spennithorne	1	1	-	-	-	2
Swinnithwaite	-	-	-	1	-	1
Scotton	-	-	-	-	1	1
Wensley	-	2	-	-	-	2
West Witton	-	2	1	1	1	5
West Scafton	-	2	-	1	-	3
Totals	22	35	16	18	11	102

MEAT INSPECTION

There is only one licensed slaughterhouse and this is a private one.

There are seven butchers' shops in the District. Six of these butchers buy meat from the large abattoirs in adjoining districts. The animals passing into the private slaughterhouse are all reared locally and the meat is of good quality. Meat is inspected on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in each week.

Arrangements for meat inspection during annual holidays are made with Aysgarth R.D.C. and these are reciprocal.

CARCASES AND OFFALS INSPECTED DURING 1970

	Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number of visits - 91				
Number killed - 481	78	4	201	198
<u>CONDEMNATIONS</u>				
Whole Carcases	-	-	-	-
Parts of Carcases or Organs	8	-	12	13
	75 lbs.		39 lbs.	47 lbs.

INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

	Inspection tions	Informal Notices	Not Complied With	Statutory Notices	Not Complied with
Housing	68	18	-	-	-
Slaughterhouses	91	-	-	-	-
Public Health Acts	65	39	-	-	-
Food Hygiene	58	7	-	-	-
TOTALS:	282	64	-	-	-

FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1955

The total number of food premises of all kinds in the district is 100 - made up as follows:-

Bakers	2	Cafes	9
Grocery	29	Fish	1
Sweets	4	Greengrocers	4
Hotels	26	Confectioners	2
Butchers	7	Fish Friers	2
Ice Cream Retailers	33	Licensed Clubs	1
Milk depots. Wholesale	1	Milk Depots. Retail	2
Chemists	2	School Canteens	11
Boarding Schools	1	O.P. Homes	1

(Please note:- Some premises have more than one use)

No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16 - 100%

No. of premises to which Regulation 19 applies - 100%

No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19 - 100%

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960

58 visits were made to premises used for the handling, preparing or selling of food during the year. There was little to complain about so far as cleanliness of the premises was concerned and the cleanliness of the workers also was generally satisfactory.

There are no poultry processing premises within the district. One old-fashioned out-dated bakehouse is being modernised.

DISPOSAL OF UNSOUND FOOD

Unsound meat from the slaughterhouse is taken away by contractors each Wednesday. It is processed and converted into fertilisers and animal foods. Food from retail shops was condemned as follows:-

Turkeys - 219½ lbs.

MILK SUPPLIES

Samples for brucella abortus - NIL

P U B L I C C L E A N S I N G

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Leyburn and Middleham have a weekly collection and the rest of the area is collected fortnightly. Only the isolated properties are not collected but these are being added to the scheme wherever possible.

The average daily number of premises from which refuse is collected is now over 300 and there is an ever-increasing number of properties with two bins each. A five day week is in operation.

There is a large increase in bulk in trade refuse especially from grocer's shops.

A local garage now does the greasing and servicing. The vehicle was again troublesome throughout the year and is to be replaced on the 1st April 1971.

Refuse disposal is at 3 tips and is semi controlled.

The new legislature for Heavy Goods Vehicle Drivers and the Plating and Inspection of vehicles will create difficulties especially to local authorities like ourselves with only one refuse collection vehicle.

On the 12th March 1970, I attended a meeting at York on Pay, Productivity and Incentive Bonus Schemes for Manual Workers. I am still unconvinced that such schemes can be applied to an authority like ours with such a small labour force. This authority continues to pay an extra grade in lieu of a bonus scheme.

A new agreement is being sought for the lease of Preston Tip.

The total cost of the service for 1970 was £6,384, an increase of £122 on the previous year.

SEPTIC TANK EMPTYING

6 householders requested the service of the tank emptying machine. The Council has to restrict this service to its own district. A private contractor is now available and besides working in adjoining districts, he is particularly useful at caravan sites during busy holiday periods.

RODENT CONTROL

In addition to maintaining sewage works, emptying cesspools, clearing blocked sewers and drains, our sewage works attendants undertake rat poisoning in private premises, at sewage works and on refuse tips. Inspections and treatments are as follows:-

Number of domestic premises inspected	..	..	..	41
Number of treatments carried out to above	..	..	..	23
Number of treatments carried out to other premises	..	..	..	NIL

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

REGISTRATIONS AND INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number on Register	Inspections
Offices	24	18
Retail shops	34	25
Warehouses	2	2
Catering Establishments	12	12
Fuel Depots	-	-
Number of visits of all kinds - 68	72	57
Unsatisfactory conditions remedied - 5		

ANALYSIS OF EMPLOYEES

Class of Premises	Number Employed		Total
	Males	Females	
Offices	46	40	86
Shops	25	68	93
Warehouses	4	-	4
Catering establishments	-	37	37
Canteens	-	3	3
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	75	148	223

P r e m i s e s	Number on Register	Inspection t i o n s	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	38	26	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	38	26	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-

(B) DEFECTS

Sanitary Conveniences unsuitable or defective - 3

Remedied - 3

(C) OUTWORK - N i l

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

N I L

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

N I L

PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCES

Total number of inspections (excluding housing inspections)	65
Number of nuisances found	39
Number abated during year by:-	
(a) Informal action	34
(b) Statutory action	NIL
Abandoned vehicles	3

OFFENSIVE TRADES

N I L

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The new block of public conveniences at Castle Bolton adjoining the existing car park to Bolton Castle was completed, and came into use at the beginning of the year.

The Council also maintains conveniences at Leyburn and Middleham.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES VISITS

Visits miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	133
Visits re milk notices	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Specimen faeces	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	148
Specimen milk and milk filters (assisting N.R.C.C.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
Specimen mud, stream, sewer and sewage tank	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
Disinfection of sewers and tanks	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Persons excluded from occupation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

